Our 8 Most Anticipated New Games for Xbox in 2022

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As a gamer, there’s few things more thrilling than the release of a new game. Nothing quite compares with those first few hours as you start piecing together the story and gameplay of a new playthrough. A great game brings together compelling storytelling, engaging mechanics and stirring soundtracks to create deeply enriching experiences. And as we start the new year as Xbox Ambassadors, we’re all excited to see what the year’s new releases will bring in 2022.

From addicting RPGs to new immersive open-world designs, there’s an incredible abundance of new releases slated for this year. It would be impossible to list them all here, but we’ve outlined the top eight games that we’re most excited to see come out this year.

Starfield

You’ve definitely already heard at least something about Starfield. It was only inevitable that Bethesda’s first new intellectual property to be released in over twenty-five years was going to be surrounded by serious buzz. And after the disappointment that was Fallout 76, many Bethesda fans are wondering if Starfield will be able to recapture the magic of past releases.

Image: Bethesda Game Studios

Set in a far outreach of the Solar System in the year 2310, Starfield takes the player into an uneasy peace established between two human colonizing forces. With a sci-fi open-world setting, director Todd Howard has called Starfield “Skyrim in space” and insists that the game will be released by its planned date of November 11th, 2022.

Tom Clancy’s Rainbow Six Extraction

Coming out in late January, Rainbow Six Extraction is a co-op multiplayer that supports up to three players. Set during a war between Earth and a race of aliens called the Archaeans, the game favors stealth over brute force, with a greater emphasis on tactics. Additionally, unlike past games player health will not regenerate, and health packs and ammo will be scarce, requiring players to be more strategic as they advance through the game.

Image: Ubisoft

Rainbow Six Extraction will also be available on Xbox Game Pass on its day one launch, making it an easily accessible for new players as well as those familiar with the Tom Clancy franchise.

S.T.A.L.K.E.R 2: Heart of Chernobyl

The 4th installment of the S.T.A.L.K.E.R series, Heart of Chernobyl takes the player deep into the radioactive environment of Chernobyl for a unique blend of first-person shooter and horror. With an expansive open-world setting filled with mutants, anomalies and an omnipresent radiation, players will need to carefully stalk an always dangerous environment.

Image: GSC Game World

Heart of Chernobyl is scheduled to release near the end of 2022 and is expected to be available on Xbox Game Pass on launch day.

Redfall

The newest release from the same award-winning development team that created Prey and Dishonored, Redfall is slated to launch in the later half of 2022. An open-world, first-person shooter, Redfall will have both a single-player as well as co-op multiplayer mode. Set in the town of Redfall, Massachusetts, players will able to choose from four playable characters, each with their own unique background and abilities.

Image: Arkane Studios

A Plague Tale: Requiem

What better time to release the long-awaited sequel to A Plague Tale: Innocence than in the midst of a global pandemic? Promising the same stealth-based action and adventure as its predecessor, A Plague Tale: Requiem continues Amicia and Hugo’s journey through the devastated French countryside as they avoid crazed soldiers and hordes of unstoppable rats.

Image: Asobo Studio

Hogwarts Legacy

Originally slated for 2021, Hogwarts Legacy is now planning for a 2022 release. Fans of the Harry Potter universe will finally be able to set foot and attend classes at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry before exploring a massive open world where players can cast spells, tame magical beasts, and master other magical skills.

Image: Avalanche Software

Hogwarts Legacy will also draw from other RPG's and include a morality system that allows a player's earlier decisions to influence their future character development as the continue through the game's storyline.

Tiny Tina's Wonderlands

The successor to the Borderlands spin-off Borderlands 2: Tiny Tina's Assault on Dragon Keep, Tiny Tina's Wonderlands will bring the same blend of first-person shooter and RPG gameplay. Tiny Tina's Wonderlands will feature both single player as well as multi-player modes where players can create their own customizable characters complete with six different character classes.

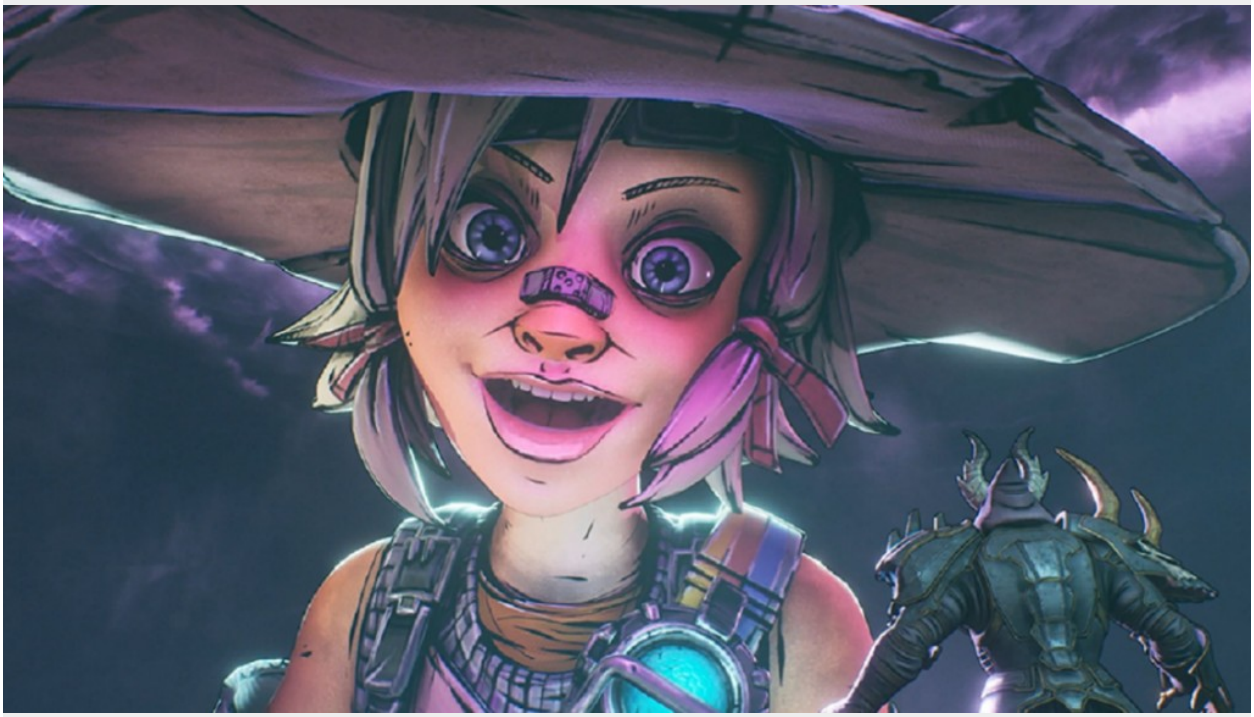

Image: Gearbox Software

Officially announced on June 10th, 2021, Tiny Tina's Wonderlands is set to release on March 25th, 2022.

The Callisto Protocol

Set on a prison colony on Jupiter's moon Callisto in the year 2320, The Callisto Protocol takes the player through the role of a prisoner held in the middle of an alien invasion. Designed specifically for newer consoles like the

Xbox Series X/S, The Callisto Protocol plans to take advantage of new graphics and lighting techniques to fully immerse the player into its world.

Image: Striking Distance Studios

Each new year in gaming brings its inevitable surprises as hundreds of new releases are launched. While we've listed just some of our most anticipated games for Xbox in 2022, we're sure that we'll have plenty of new favorites to add to our lists by the end of 2022. What are games are you most excited to see this year? Let us know in the comments below!